

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2216**

January 14, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Changes the date by which children must reach age four to enroll in preschool and age five to enroll in kindergarten from September 30 to July 31. Applies to children entering pre-school or kindergarten in the 2012-13 school year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$50,759,300/One-Time/FY13-14**

**Decrease Local Expenditures - \$26,936,900/One-Time/FY13-14**

**Assumptions:**

- In the 2012-13 school year, there will be a one-time reduction in the number of children enrolling in kindergarten whose birthdays are in August or September.
- According to the Department of Education (DOE), 12,870 students will enter kindergarten a year later than under current law.
- The BEP will fund \$6,037 per student. The state will fund \$3,944, and the local government will fund \$2,093.
- Because the BEP generates funding based on prior year enrollment, the one-time reduction will not be realized until FY13-14.
- The one-time decrease in state expenditures will be \$50,759,280 (12,870 students x \$3,944).
- The one-time decrease in local expenditures will be \$26,936,910 (12,870 students x \$2,093).
- Since the overall number of slots available will not change, there will be no impact on pre-kindergarten funding. Pre-kindergarten is not funded through the BEP.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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